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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the reorganization of state health care, with an emergency clause and an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 37.600, to read as follows:

37.600. 1. There is hereby established the "Commission on the Reorganization of State Health Care". The commission shall have as its purpose the study, review, and recommendation of creating a "Division of State Health Care" within the office of administration, which shall be dedicated to providing health care coverage for all state employees, dependents, and retirees and those recipients of programs provided in subsection 4 of this section. The commission shall consist of sixteen members:

(1) Two members of the senate, one appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and one appointed by the senate minority floor leader;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one appointed by the house minority floor leader;

(3) The commissioner of the office of administration or the commissioner's designee;

(4) The director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration or the director's designee;

(5) The director of the MO HealthNet division or the director's designee;

21 (6) The director of the department of social services or the
22 director's designee;

23 (7) The executive director of the Missouri consolidated health
24 care plan or the director's designee;

25 (8) One member of the state highways and transportation
26 commission;

27 (9) One member of the state conservation commission; and

28 (10) One member of the board of curators of the University of
29 Missouri;

30 (11) The commissioner of the coordinating board of higher
31 education or the commissioner's designee;

32 (12) One representative of the public four-year institutions of
33 higher education, excluding the University of Missouri, appointed by
34 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate; and

35 (13) Two individual representatives of small business in this
36 state, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
37 senate.

38 2. Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the actual
39 and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's
40 official duties. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the
41 members of the commission and shall meet as necessary. Commission
42 members shall not be related to any member of the general assembly or
43 governor within the third degree of consanguinity. The office of
44 administration shall provide technical, actuarial, and administrative
45 support services as required by the commission.

46 3. The commission shall designate a work group to provide
47 analysis on the recommendations required of the commission consisting
48 of members representing any health policy center or program from the
49 public institutions of higher education in the state.

50 4. The commission shall designate a work group consisting of
51 members of the Missouri school boards association, the Missouri
52 community colleges association, and small business organizations to
53 provide analysis for recommendations of the second and third phase of
54 the reorganization as described under subdivisions (3) and (4) of
55 subsection 5 of this section.

56 5. The commission shall submit a report to the general assembly
57 and governor by December 31, 2009, on the creation of a "Division of

58 State Health Care" within the office of administration to serve, through
59 three implementation phases, as the lead planning state entity for all
60 health issues in the state. The commission's duties shall be as follows:

61 (1) Provide an analysis on whether the creation of a division of
62 state health care would:

63 (a) Remedy the current situation wherein the responsibility for
64 health care policy, purchasing, planning, and regulation is spread
65 among many different agencies and departments;

66 (b) Permit the state to maximize its purchasing power inasmuch
67 as the state now has none of its health care purchasing coordinated;

68 (c) Minimize duplication and maximize administrative efficiency
69 in the state's health care systems by removing overlapping functions
70 and streamlining uncoordinated programs;

71 (d) Allow the state to develop a better health care infrastructure
72 that is more responsive to the consumers it serves while improving
73 access to and coverage for health care; and

74 (e) Focus more attention and divisional procedures on the issue
75 of wellness, including diet, exercise, and personal responsibility;

76 (2) Make recommendations on granting the division of state
77 health care, during a first phase, the authority to carry out all powers,
78 duties, and functions previously performed by:

79 (a) The Mo HealthNet division under section 208.201, RSMo;

80 (b) The state highways and transportation commission, relating
81 to the furnishing of health insurance benefits to cover medical
82 expenses for members of the highways and transportation employees'
83 and highway patrol retirement system;

84 (c) The board of trustees of the Missouri consolidated health care
85 plan pursuant to chapter 103, RSMo;

86 (d) The department of social services, relating to the
87 administration of a program to pay for health care for uninsured
88 children under sections 208.631 to 208.657, RSMo;

89 (e) The state conservation commission, relating to the furnishing
90 of health insurance for department of conservation employees and their
91 dependents and retirees;

92 (f) The public four-year institutions of higher education,
93 excluding the University of Missouri, relating to the furnishing of
94 health insurance plans for employees of such institutions and their

95 dependents and retirees; and

96 (g) The board of curators of the University of Missouri, relating
97 to the furnishing of health insurance plans for employees of the
98 university system and their dependents and retirees;

99 (3) Investigate coordinating and purchasing health care benefit
100 plans, during a second phase, for employees of the public schools,
101 community colleges, political subdivisions of the state, and all such
102 employees' dependents; and

103 (4) Investigate the feasibility of creating and administering
104 insurance programs in a third phase for small businesses and the
105 uninsured in this state.

106 **6. The provisions of this section shall expire on February 1, 2010.**

Section B. Because of the need to promote the health care of state
2 employees and of citizens of this state, section A of this act is deemed necessary
3 for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety,
4 and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
5 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its
6 passage and approval.

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